

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Greg Grotton, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey, Adam Fuller, and Josh White

Others present: Jay Feyler, Erik Amundsen, Pritchard Meyer, Catherine Meyer, Terry Washburn, Jim Turner, Karen Poulin, and John Gibbons

- 1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: 6:30 p.m.**
- 2. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (C) Real Estate Economic Development:**

Executive Session was not held

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**

- 4. Public Comment:**

Karen Poulin asked that the November 19th minutes be amended to state exactly what she said to the Board during Public Comment that evening. Catherine Meyer also asked that the November 19th minutes be amended stating that more than several residents attended the meeting and that there was a petition brought forth to the town with more than 70 signatures regarding the sidewalk project. Erik Amundsen voiced his opinion about how he feels the Comprehensive Plan should be defined and initiated. He feels that the Planning Board needs to institute further details into their procedures.

Discussion: Greg stated that the Board will review the materials for the November 19th amendments. Greg emphasized that there was a survey regarding the Comprehensive Plan, and that the results were a reflection from Union residents. He also stated the importance of residents attending all meetings to give their input prior to major projects. He went on to say that the Boards are there for a reason; to do the very best for the citizens of the town. John mirrored Greg's sentiments and added that the format the Planning Board follows was initially designed by the Knox County Planning Commission but agrees that the Planning Board needs to be more sensitive to the processes involved in future development.

- 5. Approve minutes of Tuesday, December 3, 2019:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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6. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, December 17, 2019:

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: John Shepard

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7. Action from Executive Session if any: Executive Session was not held

8. Discussion on Consolidation of Budget Items:

Jay would like to consolidate the budget items by adding one-line next year for vehicle repairs. He feels that it is less confusing and much easier to keep track of. He stated that individual repairs are already being kept in the Public Works computer system.

Discussion: John and Adam feel that more data is better and do not see the need for the change. Josh does not see a problem with the one-line if there are records available if/when needed. Sarah agrees with Josh. After much discussion, the consensus is to leave the vehicle repair budget item the same.

9. Other Business: None

10. Town Manager Report:

Jay, Josh and Greg are attending the MMA meeting.

PW garage is slowly coming along. The insulation has been installed except for around the garage doors.

Jay stated that a snowplow was stolen. Although it was behind a locked gate, he feels someone had knowledge of the garage. It is covered by insurance; \$500.00 deductible. Because the plow would have normally been locked up in the PW garage, he is hoping MMA will cover the \$500.00 deductible.

Jay stated that he has received requests via email from The Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA). He asked the Board if they receive a request via email, to comply with it. If they do not comply, the town can get fined.

11. Selectmen's Report:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to have the microphones set up at every meeting

2nd by: John Shepard

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John Shepard stated there will be a Tri-County Solid Waste meeting on December 19th at the Appleton Town Office; 7:00 p.m. The main subjects will be budget preparation and wage increases.

12. Future Agenda Items: None

13. Adjourn:

Motion by: John Shepard

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary